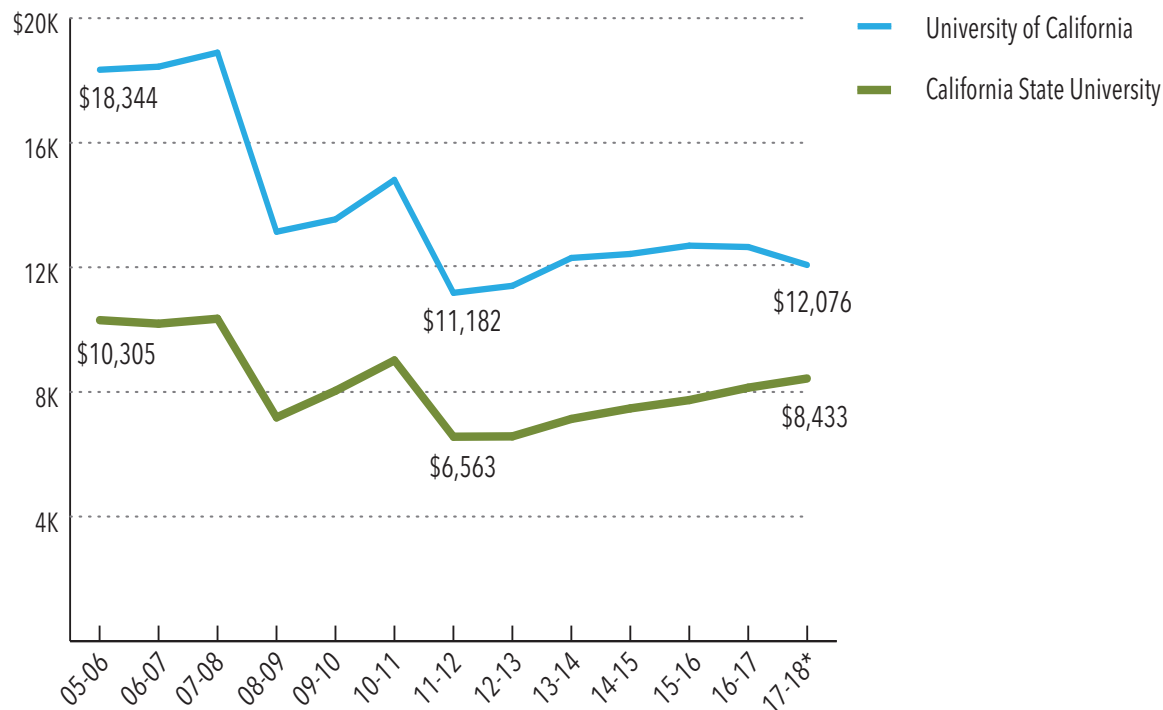




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State Spending Per Student at CSU and UC Remains Well Below Pre-Recession Levels, Despite Recent Increases

Direct General Fund Expenditures Per Full-Time Student, Inflation-Adjusted



* Estimated.

Note: Figures are in 2018-19 dollars and reflect "full-time equivalent" enrollment, which accounts for credits taken by each student relative to a full-time course load. Data exclude indirect state funding for CSU and UC attributable to Cal Grant tuition and fee payments.

Source: California State University, Department of Finance, and University of California

● **State spending per student at CSU and UC lags far behind pre-recession levels.** In the years during and following the Great Recession, policymakers significantly cut direct General Fund investments in the state's public universities. Despite recent increases, inflation-adjusted per student spending is down by 18% at CSU and by 34% at UC, compared to 2005-06.

● **These spending cuts shifted higher education costs from the state to students and families.** Faced with funding shortfalls, the universities increased tuition and fees. From 2005-06 to 2016-17, tuition and fees for California residents have increased by 74% at CSU and by 59% at UC.

● **Tuition and fee increases, combined with rising housing costs, put college out of reach for many low-income students.** While many students receive state and federal financial aid, this assistance has not kept pace with the rising costs of attending college.

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